

## References about Community Weaving practices and the Family Support Network:

*"I salute you for your dedication in addressing the vital needs of America's families."*

President Bill Clinton

*"I applaud your grassroots approach to empowering individuals, families and communities with information so very important to enhance the quality of their lives. Your bureaucracy-busting concepts and no-fee cooperative approach to gaining information is just what we need."*

Bob Moawad, President  
National Council of Self-Esteem

*"Not only are you providing essential help for citizens in need, but you are also providing an excellent example of the kind of community-based assistance our society will rely on as we work to improve upon the current welfare system."*

Jeff Kemp, Executive Director  
Washington Family Council

*"After my first meeting with Cheryl I realized that Community Weaving had the potential to introduce and vitalize a new socioeconomic paradigm into Western culture. Cheryl Honey is a brilliant natural-born leader, and her organizational model, while seemingly simple on the surface is complex and resilient in its structure. Community Weaving is an organic embodiment of whole systems theory that has barely begun to actualize its potential."*

Kirk D. Gardner  
Management Consultant

*"Motivating people to become more meaningfully involved in the community is an effective strategy for addressing the social ills that negatively impact our communities. The Family Support Network sees that and uses families as resources, opens the door to a new level of meaningful participation at the grassroots for the delivery of services to our families. Your strategy to recruit and train families to start peer support groups in neighborhoods offers great hope in our communities."*

Pat Aaby, Ed.D.  
Coordinator of Community Mobilization  
Snohomish Co., Washington

*"Over the years, the FSN has identified and mobilized the gifts of individuals in the local community, effectively supporting families in need and paving the way for them to contribute to and participate in their communities. We look forward to learning much more from FSN in the coming years."*

John McKnight & Jody Kretzman  
Asset-Based Community Development Institute

*"I believe this concept will make a significant difference in the quality of life of people in many communities around the world."*

Bob Reasoner, President  
International Council on Self-Esteem

*"I believe the Family Support Network can assist welfare clients to become self sufficient and to no longer need public assistance. The Family Support Network would be able to assist AFDC clients to become employed by working with them on issues of their self esteem with the availability of mentors in their neighborhood groups."*

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